



1857

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OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1857;

AND

T H E R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CONCORD:

STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF McFARLAND & JENKS,
PHENIX BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

1857. The selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Cash received, J. W. Clement, Esq., treasurer, 1855,	\$91.74
Literary fund,	111.16
License for circus,	30.00
State Railroad tax,	509.93
Support of County paupers,	137.77
Outstanding taxes, 1854,	14.75
“ “ 1855,	71.95
S. Kenrick, support of G. Robertson, 1855,	9.35
State, County, Town and School tax,	3,715.81
Non-resident taxes, deducting highway receipts,	111.81
Produce, &c., sold from town farm,	34.79
School house tax, in District No. 10,	524.18
“ “ “ “ “ 3,	79.60
	<hr/> 5,442.84
Cash rec'd for sales of liquor,	41.60
	<hr/> \$5,484.44

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid Outstanding Claims against the Town previous to 1856.

Paid Knight & Kelley, attendance on poor farm,	35.00
L. M. Knight, attendance on Davis,	4.02
S. B. Kelley, attendance on Mrs. Caleb Brown,	36.66
W. T. Savage, superintending school committee,	23.50
O. J. Wait, “ “ “	22.25
M. B. Goodwin, “ “ “	22.25
L. M. Knight, J. H. Rowell, and C. H. Clark, auditors,	3.00

Paid O. B. Davis, horse hire and board,	34.37
Francis Shaw, work on road,	10.60
A. G. Morrison, " "	4.94
N. S. Morrison, " "	7.50
Samuel Bacon, " "	5.15
Harvey Scott, " "	2.55
" " chopping wood for Mrs. Sherburne,	1.00
James Jackman, work on road,	5.15
R. W. Breed, " "	16.84
David Gage, lumber for bridge,	3.50
David Clark, " "	2.07
Ephraim Daniels, " "	3.78
Horace Noyes, lumber and shingle for bridge,	12.00
Samuel Quimby, work on road,	1.40
Jonathan Leavitt, work on bridge,	1.50
Ezekiel Colby, railing gulf bridge,	5.00
Geo. G. Wadsworth, drawing wood for Mrs. Sherburne,	9.50
Geo. G. Wadsworth, work on road,	5.00
Hiram Bennet,	5.00
Charles H. Clark, for plank,	28.26
Sanbornton, for support of Mrs. Ash,	5.00
Wm. S. Norton, for flour, &c., for Caleb Brown,	18.96
James Colburn, for oil, &c. for engine,	4.75
" " powder, &c. for bridges,	1.28
" " John B. Clay,	1.57
John Sherburne, chopping wood for Mrs. Sherburne,	4.00
J. N. Cilley, balance after deducting cash received for use of town hall,	4.30
J. L. Colby, plank and shingle for bridge,	14.36
John White, account,	20.23
McFarland & Jenks, printing reports and check lists,	20.00
Joseph Brown,	4.17
C. & E. C. Stone, for J. B. Clay,	12.08
David Gilchrist, for Levi Cross,	13.59
James L. Peabody, plank for bridges,	25.82
Daniel & Bradbury, for Books,	6.23
T. W. Call, for work on road,	8.75
Stilman Stevens, School District No. 7,	13.37
R. D. Carr, raising corner of town house,	2.00
Richard Judkins, building road and repairing gate,	5.50
L. M. Knight, for Mrs. Caleb Brown,	3.00
H. D. Taylor, for drawing wood for Mrs. Sherburne,	1.25
Henry Burley, for plank,	5.50
L. M. Knight, for Levi Cross,	8.43
L. M. Knight, for Sophia Cogswell,	1.25

Paid J. L. Colby, for Sophia Cogswell,	4.92
C. & E. C. Stone, " "	16.40
John White, " "	4.97
James Colburn, " "	16.01
S. B. Kelley, " "	19.59
Joseph E. Scribner, " "	36.00
Kenrick, Thompson and Pike, for Sophia Cogswell, for rent,	4.00
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	\$619.37

Town Expense.

Paid postage and stationery,	1.43
B. W. Sanborn, for books,	3.12
Engine company,	57.00
James Clark, for services,	6.00
N. M. Proctor, taking care of engine and setting glass,	6.47
J. W. Clement, for taking depositions,	2.00
Benjamin Morrill, for cleaning town clock,	3.00
William W. Hancock, repairing hearse house,	.75
Jona. Leavitt, for collecting taxes, 1854,	2.86
Harvey Ingalls, for enrolling militia,	4.00
N. M. Colby, for enrolling militia,	5.00
Henry Burley, for expense perambulating town line,	3.50
J. H. Cilley, for taking care of clock and hall,	6.25
Knight & Kelley, for taking care of town paupers,	35.00
A. P. Thompson, for collecting taxes, 1855,	.85
Moses French, " " 1856,	52.15
John H. Rowell, for funnel for town house,	1.38
J. W. B. Clement, services as town clerk,	13.00
Henry Burley, services as selectman,	40.50
Charles H. Clark, " "	35.00
John H. Rowell, " "	39.50
" " " treasurer,	12.00
Expenses taking inventory,	2.50
Expenses while making school house taxes and State reports,	3.00
Expenses and team to New-Hampton, on account of Mrs. Ash,	2.19
Expenses to Hanover, on account of Mrs. Jackson,	4.53
" Concord, on account of county paupers,	2.45
" Hanover, after Mrs. Jackson and family,	8.13
" for board of selectmen, horses and use of room,	17.00
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	\$370.56

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Hiram Colby, work on road near Dimond's,	4.00
T. W. Call, " " "	2.00
Horace P. Eaton, " " "	5.67
R. Dimond, " " "	2.50
Henry Burley, " " "	3.00
Eben B. Colby, bridge plank,	9.91
James L. Peabody " "	2.75
Abel Morrill, work on bridge, district No. 1,	15.62
Valentine Sargent, work on bridge, district No. 1,	11.00
John Pettingill, " " "	9.00
Ephraim Daniels, " " "	10.00
David Clark, " road,	4.78
Walter Burley, plank,	3.30
H. Campbell, timber,	1.55
Francis Shaw, timber,	10.95
E. C. Wyatt, work on road,	10.35
Lewis Lord, lighting Republican bridge,	12.00
John White, oil for Republican bridge,	15.00
Jacob D. Sanborn, for E. C. Wyatt, work on road,	3.50
Jona. T. Wadleigh, work on road,	1.76
A. G. Morrison, plank,	1.14
Henry Burley, " "	16.75
J. H. Rowell, lantern for Republican bridge,	.58
C. H. Clark, for plank, &c.,	8.79
Moses French, lumber and work on road,	5.63
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	\$171.53

External Poor.

Paid John Pettingill, support of Mrs. Kimball and Susan Pettingill's girl,	61.67
New-Hampton, support of Mrs. Ash and children,	5.15
S. W. Cobb & Co., support of Mrs. Jackson and children,	7.00
Stephen Rand, support of Mrs. Jackson and children,	1.50
James Colburn, " J. B. Clay,	4.75
John White, " "	5.00
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	\$85.07
Outstanding taxes, 1856,	\$225.85

Incidental Expenses.

Paid O. J. Wait, superintending school committee,	9.50
Teachers' Institute,	26.94
Hiram Gordon, interest on money to pay outstanding bills,	12.00
Lewis Lord, damage on sleigh in rep. bridge,	5.00
W. T. Savage, superintending school committee,	26.00
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	\$79.44

Paid State tax, 1856,	314.30
County tax, 1856,	627.00
School house tax, in District No. 10,	500.00
" " " 3,	75.00

School Money.

Paid School District No. 1,	129.84
" " " 2,	68.90
" " " 3,	350.92
" " " 4,	69.30
" " " 5,	87.11
" " " 6,	59.97
" " " 7,	8.53
" " " 8,	59.81
" " " 9,	60.48
" " " 10,	321.48
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	\$1,214.34

Poor Farm.

Paid J. W. Clement, repairing wagon,	2.17
Moses Pervier, overseer's wages,	185.00
David Gilchrist,	47.76
James Colburn,	9.63
John White,	109.07
J. H. Rowell,	1.27
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	\$354.90

Statement of Poor Farm, 1856.

Inventory of 1855,	1,124.91
Sundry bills, including overseer's wages,	354.90
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	\$1,479.81

Inventory, 1857,	907.73
Support of County paupers, estimated,	32.00
Cash received of Moses Pervier,	34.79
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	\$974.52
Expense of poor farm,	\$505.29

County Paupers, 1856.

Paid cash, Sophia Cogswell girl,	1.95
W. W. Hancock for Sophia Cogswell girl,	2.00
Wm. Arlin, moving Sophia Cogswell,	4.00
Sam George, for Christopher H. Shultz,	.40
John White, " "	4.27
John White, for John Shepard,	1.50
L. M. Knight, " "	8.75
James Colburn, " "	1.13
John White, for Julia A. Flinn,	1.83
D. Gilchrist, " "	1.48
D. Gilchrist, for Henry Lawrence,	4.63
S. B. Kelley, for Julia A. Flinn,	10.00
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	41.94
Paid Horace Noyes, interest on B. S. Hancock note,	281.86
Thomas W. Morrison, note and interest, dated Dec. 27, 1855,	214.40
Non-resident highway receipts per A. P. Thompson,	7.47
Abatement of taxes, 1854,	1.02
" " 1855,	29.28
" " 1856,	31.50
" " 1856, school house tax in Dist. No. 10,	4.32
" " 1856, " " " "	3, 1.20

Outstanding Notes given for Republican Bridge.

Noah M. Proctor,	500.00
Polly M. Eaton,	250.00
James M. Glines,	100.00
B. S. Hancock,	2090.00
Thomas W. Morrison,	200.00
Eben Moulton for B. F. Eastman,	810.00
B. F. Eastman,	225.00
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Balance of interest estimated,	\$189.91

\$4,364.91

CR.		<i>Liquor.</i>	
Cash received of S. G. Hoyt, after paying for liquor, salary, &c.,			39.88
Cash of John White, after paying for liquor, &c., and salary to March 1,			21.17
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			\$61.05
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Cash paid M. M. Burbank, salary after deducting money in his hands,			19.45
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Cash accounted for by treasurer,			\$41.60
Liquors now on hand and paid for by the agent,			202.22
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Whole gain on the liquor to February 26,			\$243.82
Whole amount of sales the past year,			\$1,304.60

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by the treasurer,		\$5,484.44
Which is accounted for as follows :		
Paid outstanding claims,	619.37	
Town expenses,	370.36	
Roads and bridges,	171.53	
External poor,	85.07	
Incidental expenses,	79.44	
School money,	1,214.34	
outstanding taxes, 1856,	225.85	
State tax,	314.30	
County tax,	627.00	
School house tax in district No. 10,	500.00	
" " " 3,	75.00	
poor farm,	354.90	
Non-resident highway receipts, 1855,	7.47	
Abatement taxes, 1854,	1.02	
" 1855,	29.28	
" 1856,	31.50	
" 1856, school house tax,		
in district No. 10,	4.32	
Abatement school house tax, in Dist. No. 3,	1.20	
County paupers,	41.94	

Interest on B. S. Hancock's note,	281.86
Thomas W. Morrison, note and interest,	214.40
	<hr/> \$5,250.35

Leaving in the hands of the treasurer, \$234.09

All of which is submitted,

HENRY BURLEY,	} <i>Selectmen of Franklin.</i>
CHARLES H. CLARK,	
JOHN H. ROWELL,	

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the year ending March 4, 1857, for the town of Franklin, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. MORRISON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
D. GILCHRIST,	
L. M. KNIGHT,	

Ages of Inmates at Alms House.

Mrs. Jane Clark,	90 years.
Polly Quimby,	65
John P. Clark,	60
Rosina Sanborn,	40
Theodore Sanborn,	14
Mrs. Harriet Ash,	20
George Nelson Ash,	3
Charles L. Ash,	1
Mrs. Julia A. Flinn,	36
Ellen Flinn,	1
Mrs. Rebekah Jackson,	41
Elizabeth Jackson,	10
Franklin Pierce Jackson,	4
Adelia Jackson,	1
Child of Mrs. Jackson,	2 weeks.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Franklin, in the discharge of their official duty, ask leave to submit their Annual Report.

Although deprived of the coöperation and aid of the Rev. Mr. WAIT, who commenced the year with us in this service, the undersigned have endeavored faithfully to discharge the responsibility devolved upon them. We have visited and examined all the public schools kept in town the past year, except that comprising the children of a single family in District No. 7, and have endeavored, by all methods in our power, to secure their efficiency and success.

The whole number of scholars, four years of age and upwards, who have attended these schools not less than two weeks, the past year, is 391. The average attendance during the year was 307. The whole amount of money appropriated for the support of schools the past year is \$1,213.13; giving \$3.10 to each scholar attending them. The statistical table, accompanying this report, and forming a part of it, exhibits the number and sex of the teachers employed, the wages paid to each, with other particulars of interest concerning the schools. We would refer such as are interested respecting them to this table.

We present a detailed account of the schools in the several districts, as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer school was kept by Miss HANNAH HALE. Length, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 17. This school was well taught and well governed. We commend it as profitable to the district.

The winter school, kept by Mr. N. M. PROCTOR, was marked for the order reigning in it, the thorough drilling of the classes, and the proficiency made by the scholars in the routine of the lessons. We cannot fail to give it our commendation. Length, 11 4-5 weeks. Whole attendance 28. Average attendance, 24.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer school was kept by Miss CAROLINE S. WADSWORTH. Length, 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average attendance, 23. Through the fault of the prudential committee, this school was permitted to close without notice to the superintending committee. Consequently, we lost the opportunity of ascertaining the degree of proficiency made in it.

The winter school was kept by Miss SUZIE E. BARTLETT, and was 9 weeks long. Whole number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 19. It was a well managed and profitable school.

The school-house in this district has fully served its day and generation. It should be superseded by a better edifice. It is quite unfit for the children to occupy, and is a disgrace to the district and the town. The citizens at "The Corner" should secure a better monument of their intelligence and taste.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The primary school in this district was kept, in its winter and summer terms, by Miss AMANDA M. INGALLS. During the first term, of 12 weeks, the whole number of scholars was 50; the average attendance, 42. During the second term, of 14 weeks, the whole number was 44; the average attendance, 39. We regard this school, from its size and influence, one of the most important in town, and one that should secure the highest qualifications and efficiency in the management of it. The teacher appears to have been faithful in her efforts for the improvement of the pupils; but, in the very difficult work of governing them, she did not fully succeed. Her methods of instruction in general we approve; and, except in the particular of distinct and correct articulation, we think her efforts successful. Encouraging progress was evinced by many of the smallest scholars.

The advanced school was kept in summer by Miss MARY E. FARLEY. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 25. This school was well and faithfully instructed, and accuracy and thoroughness in the branches taught were to a good extent secured. Its influence for good, however, was diminished by an inadequate government. Indeed, we regard it very difficult for teachers fully to govern schools located in the districts in which they were reared. The successful cases, we believe to be exceptions to the general rule.

The winter term was kept by Mr. OLIVER L. CROSS, and continued 14 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 33. It was successfully governed and taught, and we believe it to have been highly beneficial to the scholars and the district.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer school was kept by Miss VIALETTA M. GOVE. Length, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 3. There

were no grand rebellions here, but all was reasonably peaceful and still, and the progress made was satisfactory.

The winter school was kept by Mr. DAVID E. BROWN. It was 8 weeks in length, had 8 scholars, and enjoyed an average attendance of 4 20-45. The teacher was reared in the district. The school appeared to have been conducted in a free and easy style, and without formality enough to secure the best results. This teacher needs a wider sphere in which to employ his powers in the work of instruction. In this school, while manners were not improved, it is believed knowledge was advanced.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer school was kept by Miss CAROLINE HANCOCK. Length, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 15. Average attendance, 12. Of this school, Rev. Mr. Wait has left this account: "Order good, and progress in studies the same."

The winter school of 10½ weeks was kept by Miss M. E. MARSTON. The whole number of scholars was 21; average attendance, 18. There was manifest that quiet deportment in the teacher, and that stillness in the school, which, wherever found, give token of a governing spirit and the effective influence of mind upon mind. The teaching was accurate and thorough, and the scholars, at the closing examination, exhibited marked improvement. They only needed to speak out with fuller, louder tones of voice. This was a superior school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Only one term of school was had in this district, during the year. It was kept by Miss ALMA J. FARNUM. Its length was 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 12. The school opened under favorable auspices, but, by its unexpected close, the opportunity of a second visit by the Superintending Committee was lost.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The school in this district, kept by Miss CATHARINE PETTENGILL, is now in session. There are but 4 scholars in the district, and these are in attendance upon the school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school was kept in summer by Miss FRANCES E. WOODFORD. Length, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12. This was a good school, well conducted and thoroughly taught. The scholars appeared well at the final examination.

The winter term was taught by Mr. PROCTOR LEFAVOR. Length, 7 weeks. Number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 21½. Mr. LeFavor's health was very poor, and he closed the school about ten days before the school money was expended, in consequence of inability to preserve order, several of the scholars disregarding all order and subor-

dination. Such conduct ought rigidly to be discountenanced by their parents, and by the whole community, as being not only disreputable to the children, but, if persisted in, disastrous to the advantages resulting from our common schools.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer school was taught by Miss HARRIETTE A. SHAW. Length, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty-two. Average attendance, eighteen. Mr. Wait, who visited this school, makes report of it thus: "Order good, and progress in studies above average."

The winter school was taught by Mr. NOAH M. PROCTOR. Length, seven weeks. Whole number of scholars, thirty-six; average attendance, twenty-four. The unfortunate difficulties which existed in this district, and which were so destructive to order and the best interests of the school, have, under the instruction of their present teacher, wholly ceased, and instead of discord and disaffection, good order, harmony and good will seemed to beam on the countenances of all his scholars, and there was an evident improvement in all of their studies, creditable alike to scholars and their teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This district, although organized on the plan of the Somersworth act, renders its report in the form customary heretofore, as follows:

The primary school in this district was taught both summer and winter by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. The summer term commenced May 12, and continued seven weeks. With a vacation of four weeks it again commenced, continuing nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, thirty-five; average attendance, twenty-eight. The winter school commenced December 1, and continued twelve weeks. Number of scholars, thirty-three; average attendance, twenty-eight. Of this number, twenty-seven were under eight years of age, and seven only eight years of age.

Their reading lessons were an example worthy of imitation for much older scholars. The county school commissioner, when on his circuit through the county, states, "that the government of this school appeared to be one of the best that he ever visited;" and your committee are of the opinion that the progress of the scholars in their studies justify the same opinion as to the manner of their being taught.

The advanced summer school was taught by Miss MARY E. MARSTON, commencing May 12th, and continued seven weeks, when, on account of sickness in her family, she was unable to resume the school. Number of scholars, twenty-eight. The advancement and government of the school well merit the approbation of the superintending committee and district.

The second term of this school was taught by Miss FRANCES E. WOODFORD, nine weeks, and then a vacation to the first day of December. Whole number of scholars, twenty-four. Average attendance, 17. Miss Woodford's manner of teaching, and the improvement of her scholars,

were good, as was the government of the school generally. Near the close of the school a very few of the scholars showed a slight disposition to disobey.

The winter term was taught by Mr. DANIEL C. BURLEIGH. Length, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, thirty-seven. Average attendance, twenty-seven and one half. This school showed an evident advancement in all their studies, and the scholars, as well as their instructor, deserve the commendation of the committee, and of the whole district, for their improvement in their studies.

From their examination of the schools at large, your committee have the gratification to state that there appears to have been an evident improvement in all the branches taught, and especially in reading; and they would adopt a quotation from an eminent teacher in regard to the teaching of this elegant accomplishment. "In reading, the pupil's attention should first be called to the thought, or idea, contained in the sentence he is about to read, and when he understands this, he should be told how he may fully express that idea by emphasis and inflection of the voice. If the pupil is very young, the teacher should first read the sentence, and require the pupil to imitate him. The whole class should be drilled on this one sentence until each member can read it with comparative accuracy, spirit and ease. The next sentence may be treated in the same manner, and the teacher should beware of the habits of enunciation and inflection he allows his pupils to form. Care taken in the early pupilage of a boy or girl, in the way above briefly indicated, will insure, in a few months, good reading."

We are of opinion that writing does not receive that attention in school which it ought to receive; and the reason why many do not more improve, is because they do not devote sufficient time to this beautiful accomplishment. Practice is required. If scholars would write more, they would write better. Ought they not to write a certain time in each day? Their maxim ought to be thoroughness.

Our primary schools should command a deep interest in the whole community. Our children are their inmates. Here they receive their foundation, and here the leading traits of their character are commenced. If parents feel that the school is important, their children will feel so too. If they sustain the teacher, their children will feel that he is worthy of their respect.

Parents do an incalculable injury to the school by speaking against the teacher in the presence of their children. If you have doubts of his ability or faithfulness, go in the spirit of kindness and converse with him. You can benefit both him and the school, while a different course might be disadvantageous. Order must be preserved, or the continuance of your school will be a positive injury. In general, if children are well governed

at home, they will be orderly at school, and the teacher can readily discern their home training by their conduct at school.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES CLARK,
WM. T. SAVAGE,

Sup. School Committee of Franklin.

FRANKLIN, March 3, 1857.

LIST OF BOOKS,

Authorized by the Superintending School Committee to be used in the public schools of Franklin.

Town's series of Readers and Speller.

Emerson's, Colburn's Intellectual, and Adams' Revised Arithmetics.

Mitchell's Primary Geography, and Smith's Geography and Atlas.

Weld's Grammar and Parsing Book.

Goodrich's History of the United States.

Dunton's System of Penmanship.

Cutter's Physiology.

Rebellion.

More immorality in

moral districts.

*More transportation in the
village.*

*More mischief in the
village.*

James H. Smith

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